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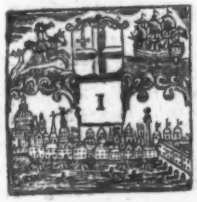

Have receiv'd the following Piece from a Correſponden: who hath ſeveral Times before appear'd in *this Paper*, both in *Proſe* and *Verſe*, with good Approbation. That not Subjects of mere *Entertainment* only, but ſometimes of *Literature*, of *Morality*, or even of *Divinity*, when pleaſingly treated, are proper for the *Speculations* of Mr. *Stonecaſtle*, is manifeſt from the Practice of all my Predeceſſors in this *periodical miſcellaneous* Way of Writing, eſpecially the great *Originals* of it, the Authors of the *Tatler* and firſt *Spectator*. And as what I am now enabled to give is *happily* adapted to the Solemnity of the impending *Feſtival*, I hope, with Mr. *Philanthropos*, that none of my Readers will ſo far intereſt themſelves in the Fate of the *fair* LEONORA, whoſe Adventures fill up the Remainder of the *Hiſtory* begun in my *laſt*, as not to be willing, on ſuch an Occaſion, to wait for the *Cataſtrophe* of it a Week longer.

To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Eſq*;

SIR,

'TIS a juſt Obſervation of the Preacher, that *to every Thing there is a Seaſon*. I hope the Solemnity appointed by our Church, as preparatory to the approaching Feſtival, will be a ſufficient Apology, with the *Juvenile* and *Gay* among your Readers, for the Liberty I take in offering at this Time, to the *Serious* and *Penitent*, the following Eſſay.

I think it hath been far from contributing to the *Honour* of GOD, or *Credit* of *Religion*, that ſo many of its Votaries drive on *heavily* in its Ways: Well may a profane World think it a *ſour* and *melancholy* Injunction, calculated to deſtroy the Pleaſure of Life.

In order to diſpel the *Gloom* which very often ſurrounds pious and upright Souls, (ariſing from very unbecoming and forbiding Apprehenſions of the great Object of their Devotions) I offer here the Subſtance of a *Lecture* given me by my *Guardian*, of whom your Paper has given ſome Account not long ago. By following the Precepts of that good Man, I for many Years experienced it to be of *Religion* as 'tis ſaid of *Wiſdom*, that *her Ways are Ways of Pleaſantneſs, and all her Paths are Peace.*

The Occaſion of the following was; A ſober young Man in our Neighbourhood, having join'd himſelf to a Congregation of the *Predeſtinarian Perſuaſion*, hearing a Sermon on *Romans* ix, 18. *Therefore hath he Mercy on whom he will have Mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth*;——He conceited himſelf to be one of the *Reprobate*; and conſequently uncapable of *Effectual Calling*; that *firſt Link* of the Chain (as the Preacher expreſs'd himſelf) which only has *Juſtification*, *Sanctification*, &c. &c. and finally ends in *Glorification*. The poor Youth rejected all Comfort, often crying out 'A wounded Spirit who can bear!' One Day being alone, he cut his Throat too effectually to give any Hope of Cure; and when near expiring, was deſir'd to caſt himſelf on the *Mercy of God*. He, with an horrid Vehemence, cried out 'No! no! I am ſure 'he will have no Mercy on me, who am a Veſſel of 'Wrath fitted for Deſtruction.'

My *Guardian*, obſerving the great Impreſſion this ſad Affair made on me, bid me wait on him the next Week, which I did. He then began: 'I perceive 'the Concerns I ſaw you laſt Week under, is in good 'Meaſure worn off; and as I take Religion to be the 'proper Subject of our Reaſon, in which our Paſſions are but little concern'd, I beg you will give 'your Attention to a Kind of Paraphraſe on the 'Words of the Prophet *Micah* vi. 6, 7, 8. Here the 'Prophet deſcribes the Diſtreſs of a guilty Soul, under 'the ſad Apprehenſion of God's juſt Vengeance; and 'alſo the eaſy Terms on which God will be propitious, and the Offender may be happy. There is a 'Queſtion put in Verſes 6, 7. *Wherewith ſhall I come before the Lord, and bow myſelf before the High God? Shall I come before him with Burnt-Offerings, with Calves of a 'year old? Will the Lord be pleaſed with Thouſands of Rams, or with Ten Thouſands of Rivers of Oil? Shall I give my Firſt-born for my Tranſgreſſion, the Fruit of my Body for the Sin of my Soul?* 'As if he had ſaid,

Of height'ned *Guilt* how dreadful is the Senſe!
Oppos'd to *Juſtice* and *Omnipotence*.
The threat'ning *Tempeſt* rolls around the Sky!
Loud *Thunders* rattle, pointed *Light'nings* fly.
Could I to yon *Cœleſtial Throne* retreat,
The Throne, I fear, affords no *Mercy Seat*.
A longer Stay invites the *Flaming Dart*,
Unerring aim'd at my unguarded Heart.
Reſolv'd, I'll fly; I *live* if *Goodneſs* ſpare;
I can but *periſh*—if I *periſh* There!
If ought can ſmooth the *Brow*, or ward the *Blow*,
O! tell me ye *thrice happy Souls* who know!
In ſable Columns thro' the yielding Skies,
From flaming Altars ſhould *rich Odours* riſe,
While *yearling Heifers* crown the ſacred Pile,
Would this engage one kind *accepting Smile*?
Would *Thouſands ſpotleſs Rams* in Sacrifice,
Procure me Favour in JEHOVAH's Eyes?
Would *Oil, ten Thouſands Rivers*, vaſt Supply!
Propitiate OFFENDED DEITY?
For my Tranſgreſſion ſhould my *Firſt-born* bleed,
Would GOD *accept my Perſon* for the Deed?
In ſacred Veſture ſhould I ſtand array'd,
My Hand, obedient, graſp the fatal Blade,
'Till one by one my *tender Off-ſpring* feel,
Deep in their panting Hearts, the fatal Steel;
Would GOD delight to view the *mangled Dead*,
Like ſlaughter'd *Lambs* around his Altar ſpread?
Would GOD with Pleaſure view the *reaking Flood*,
The *Parent* crimſon'd o'er with *filial Blood*?
Would GOD for *me*, or *all* of theſe forbear
The *vengeful Stroke*, and liſten to my *Pray'r*?
If not, Farewel to *Hope*, I'm all *Deſpair*!

In Verſe the 8th is contain'd a proper Anſwer to the preceding Queries: *He hath ſhewed thee, O Man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do juſtly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?* Which I take the Freedom to paraphraſe alſo.

Let *Tophet's Vale* reſound ſhrill *Infant* Cries,
And *Molock* graſp the dying Sacrifice;
Such *Worſhip* well ſuch ſtupid *Fet'ters* ſuit,
Whoſe God's an *Idol*, and his Prieſt a *Brute*.
O heav'nly Muſe inſpire me, while I ſing
The *gentle Sway* of our eternal King!
Our great JEHOVAH, righteous, juſt and good,
A *contrite Heart* requires, not Seas of *Blood*.
No coſtly *Oils*, no ſmoking *Altars* can
Make GOD propitious to *offending Man*.
The *Terms* are eaſy, and the *Sentence* mild,
'Return *Repentant*, and be reconcil'd.'
Then ceaſe Deſpair, and dry thoſe needleſs Tears,
The threat'ning Storm of *Vengeance* diſappears.
Behold! in lively Characters impreſs'd,
The *Maker's Image* on the human Breaſt;
To know what's *good*, *look inward*; there's the Teſt.
Wiſe, good and juſt is HEAV'N? In ſome Degree,
Man truly wiſe, and juſt, and good as He.
But Language and Conception fail, when I
Attempt t' expreſs the vaſt *Diſparity*.
Before the bright Meridian *Prince of Day*,
Expoſe as well the *Glow-worm's* feeble Ray;
Or while the ſpacious *Ocean* takes the View,
Compare a pearly Drop of Morning *Dew*.
Forbear, O vent'rous Muſe, the tow'ring Flight,
Nor hope to mete by Finite, Infinite.
It muſt ſuffice, from Man to point on high,
And ſing ſuperior *Grace* in DEITY.
From your juſt Precepts ſhould your *Offſpring* ſtray,
Paternal Love with vile Contempt repay;
Returning, ſhould he proſtrate at your Feet,
There wait a *Sentence* which he dreads to meet;
Long could he groveling *ſue for Mercy there*,
E're Mercy pleads his Cauſe, and bids you *ſpare*?
When *Cauſes* are remov'd, *Effects* muſt ceaſe;
Sure *Penitence* a Prologue is to *Peace*.
Beyond Humility and juſter Senſe
To *puniſh*, were to *puniſh Penitence*.
Can *injur'd Mortals* Injurers forgive?
Can *Injur'd States* bid deſtin'd Convicts live?
Yet, ſhall preſumptuous Mortals dare to ſay,
That HEAVEN *muſt* take Vengeance 'cauſe He *may*?
Should the vaſt *Ocean* ſpend its liquid Store,
The *Sun* exhibit lucid Rays no more;
All *Finite* theſe, and *Finite's* own *a Bound*;
But none to INFINITE PERFECTION's found.
Not limited to *Subject*, *Time* or *Place*,
Like our JEHOVAH! *boundleſs* is his *Grace*.
Let *Righteouſneſs* and *Mercy* guide your Ways,
Your Life a conſtant Scene of *Love* and *Praiſe*:
Th' enquiring World the *happy Cauſe* ſhall know,
Implore the *Grace*, and taſte the *Pleaſures* too.

Sir, your humble Servant,
PHILANTHROPOS.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Peterſbourg, March 2. The Sect of the Herrenhutters has of late crept into this Country, and did begin to make ſome Progreſs. The Court having been inform'd thereof, has thought fit to prevent this Sect ſpreading their Opinions farther in the Empire. Count Sintzendorff, the Patriarch, or principal Head of the Herrenhutters, and the Counteſs his Wife, repair'd to Riga, in hopes of obtaining, by their Repreſentations, ſome Mitigation in the Court's Orders: Among other Reaſons they alledg'd, that their Sect was originally ſprung from the Greek Religion; that it differ'd but very little from it; and that if the Government would give them Leave to have Conferences with the Divines of the Country, they hoped to make appear that their Opinions are very Orthodox. The ſame Reaſons have been urg'd by other Herrenhutters, who were already in the Country, and have join'd Count Sintzendorff, in order to obtain Permiſſion to hold Colloques. After that the Court was acquainted with all theſe Circumſtances, an Order came down to

the Governors of Livonia, to signify to these Secta-ries, that the Empress having put all Things in her Empire on the properest Footing for maintaining good Order and Tranquility therein, her Imperial Majesty would not suffer any Innovations in Matters of Religion; and therefore, that they might chuse whether they would depart the Country, or else remain in it upon Condition that they profess the Greek Religion, or some one of the Religions which are tolerated in Russia. The Governor of Riga has nevertheless added a Clause to this Order of the Court; and that is, declaring to the Leaders of the Herrenhutters, that if they are so zealous to make Proselytes, they are free to go and exercise their Talents in converting the Samojede Idolaters: But they don't seem to have any Stomach for this Work.—— If so, their Zeal keeps pace with that of the Jesuits, who were never known to plant a Church in barren Land.

Dantzick, March 15. We hear that all the Efforts made to accommodate the Difference between Prince Radzivil and Count Tarlo, have not been able to keep them from coming to an open Rupture at last, the fatal Consequences of which are very much dreaded: Prince Radzivil has already taken Possession, by main Force, of several Estates belonging to the Succession of the House of Sobieski: He employ'd therein the light Troops of Lithuania, of which he is General; and as the Palatine of Sendomir's Men made a stout Resistance, a great deal of Blood was spilt on both Sides: The former are to besiege forthwith the Town of Zlocewo, the Commandant of which has resolv'd to defend himself to the last Extremity, in hopes of being deliver'd by Count Tarlo.

Vienna, March 14. Since the repeated Assurances given by the King of Prussia by his Minister here, that his Majesty will observe an exact Neutrality, we are assur'd that it has been resolv'd in a grand Council held in the Queen's Presence, not to form a Camp on the Side of Silesia this Year, and to send to the Army in Bavaria all the veteran Regiments that are actually in Bohemia and Moravia: However, the Court intends to leave strong Garrisons at Prague, Egra, Brin, and Olmutz.

The Damage done here by the overflowing of the Danube is computed at several Millions of Florins; and we reckon that near 600 Persons were drown'd on that Occasion. Letters from Presbourg inform us, that a vast deal of Mischief has been done in Hungary by the same Accident.

Breslau, March 15. It being his Majesty's Intention that the Inhabitants of this City, and Strangers too, shall have as much Pleasure as possible in it during the Time of the Fair, it is order'd that in the first and second Week there shall be a Ridotto at the Town House on Sundays and Wednesdays, a grand Concerto on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and a French or German Play five Days in the Week. But while we are thus preparing to be very gay and merry, News is come that the River Neiss has overflow'd its Banks, and laid several Towns and Villages under Water: So that the sobereſt Part of us begin to think the Court would do well to lay aside these expensive Diversions, for the present at least, and apply the Money to the Relief of the poor suffering Inhabitants in the Country.

Leghorn, March 7. A Dutchman, who is Captain of a Swedish Ship that arriv'd here a few Days since from Marseilles, reports, that he met off of Toulon two large English Men of War, one of which had lost all her Masts, and the other two; and that it seem'd to him that they were towing them into Toulon. His Countrymen and the English in this Place do not thank him for this Account, which he gave to the Officers of the Port at his Arrival.

Genoa, March 7. A Genoese Sailor who was on board an English Ship of 70 Guns, arriv'd here three Days since, and assur'd upon Oath, that the said Ship and three others of the same Force were sunk in the late Sea-Fight, and that he sav'd himself upon a Plank, and was taken up by some Fishermen on the Coast: Yet we don't doubt but the English had the best of that Battle; because we hear that several Dutch and Swedish Vessels are arriv'd at Villa-franca from Sardinia with Troops on board, and that in their Passage they met with no French nor Spanish Man of War. Besides, we have Advices from Marseilles which say, that they were very much afraid of a Visit from the English, and that several Ships of that Nation were cruizing off of that Port, in order to prevent the Galleys from putting to Sea with Provisions and Ammunition for the French and Spanish Squadrons. It is likewise pretended, that the Harbour of Toulon is in a Manner block'd up by the English, which will hinder any Embarkations of Troops for Italy.

Genoa, March 12. A Vessel belonging to this Port is just arriv'd here from Alicant; the Master of her reports, that the French Squadron, consisting of 23 Sail, came to an Anchor there the 27th of last Month in the Evening; that the next Day he went on board the French Admiral, who desir'd him to acquaint the Spanish Squadron with his Arrival at Alicant, in case he should fall in with them. The Master of this Vessel adds, that he heard that all the Spanish Men of War had engag'd with the English in the late Fight, but were seconded by no more than six French Ships.

The last Advices from Nice say, that the King of Sardinia was expected there every Day; and that the Van-Guard of the Infant Don Philip's Army was arriv'd at Palenzo, which is less than two Days march from Nice.

The Master of a French Ship just arriv'd from the Coast of Catalonia, says, that he sail'd several Days in Company with a Convoy of 16 Spanish Vessels laden with Artillery and warlike Stores for the Infant Don Philip's Army, and that another Convoy was getting ready at Palamos.

Bologna, March 10. Count Gage, before he retreated, broke down all the Bridges on the River Metauro. The 8th in the Morning Prince Lobkowitz was at Pesaro, and his Van-Guard in the Neighbourhood of Fano. All the Austrian Light Horse are in pursuit of the Spaniards, who make forc'd Marches to reach the Confines of Naples.

Ostend, March 18. A Person from Dunkirk reports, that several Battalions have been sent away from thence to make Room, viz. the Regiment of Navarre, four Battalions to Calais; Tourraine, three to Cassel; Beaufremont two, and Royal Corsican two, to Bergue, St. Vinac, and some others to other Places. We likewise hear, that the General Count Saxe, who was to have the Command of the Expedition, set out last Monday from Dunkirk to Valenciennes. It was said that an Order came thither four Days since from Court, for dismissing the Transports and Bilanders, but that soon after a counter Order arriv'd for retaining them; so that the Port of Dunkirk is still crowded with Vessels, and there remain in the Road only four Men of War (two of them Frigates) and three Transports. They likewise report at Dunkirk, that the Embarkation will be resum'd the 15th of next Month, and that all the Regiments which are at present marching to their Garrisons, will return about that Time to Dunkirk. It is certain that the warlike Stores still remain on board the Transports.

Amsterdam, March 25. We hear from Gibraltar, that the Moors have form'd a Camp in the Neighbourhood of Ceuta, with an Intent to lay Siege to the Town, being seconded at Sea by 14 Saicks, each of which carries about 100 Men.

Hague, March 26. We hear from Paris, that the Prince Campo Florido, Embassador from Spain, has demanded of the French Ministry, in the Name of his Catholick Majesty, a Sight of M. de Court's Instructions; but the Publick knows nothing of the Answer that was given his Excellency.

Letters from Barcelona of the 8th Instant don't mention one Word of the Battle in the Mediterranean; so that it seems none of the Spanish Squadron have put into that Port.

We hear from Amsterdam, that the Admiralty of that City have put eight Men of War in Commission, viz. one of 74 Guns, one of 64, four of 54, and two of 44 Guns each.

Paris, March 20. The King has appointed Marshal Belleisle to command the Army that is to be form'd in the Bishopricks of Metz, Toul and Verdun. The Report of his Majesty's going to the Army in Flanders begins to gain Ground again. The Duke of Ormond is still at Sens. We see here the following Copy of the Letter which the King of Spain has writ to the Infant Don Philip, about the Sea-Fight in the Mediterranean, which was deliver'd to that Prince the 8th Instant at Aix, and publickly read by his Royal Highness.

'As soon as the combin'd Squadrons were sail'd 'out of Toulon, Matthews advanc'd in Order of 'Battle towards the Spaniards with the Bloody Flag; 'but the Moment he descry'd M. de Court, he tack'd 'about, hung out the White Streamer, in Token of 'Peace, and saluted him with two Guns; then he 'bore down upon the Spaniards, who lay in the 'Center. The Fight lasted six Hours, between 12 'Spanish Ships and 38 English. The French look'd 'on, without firing a Gun; and, at last, Night 'parted the Combatants. The Spaniards were terri-'bly shatter'd, and the English not a little. The 'former fought like Furies. The Royal Philip lost 'all along five Ships to deal with. The Hercules 'having lost all her Masts, did nevertheless make at 'the English Admiral twice with her Grappling-'Irons; but he avoided her, and she was afterwards 'surrounded and taken: They let the Ship's Com-'pany go upon their Parole, and put 15 Men and an 'Officer on board of her; which the Spaniards per-'ceiving just as they were going to retreat, they re-'turn'd to the Charge, retook the Ship, and burnt 'her, because she could not sail. They lost seven 'Captains, and a great Number of Officers and Sea-'men.'

Paris, March 22. Several Regiments are marching for Normandy, in order to be distributed along the Coast of that Province.

From the Paris A-la-main, March 20.

The Chevalier de Belleisle, the Prince de Pons, the Duke d'Ayen, the Duke de Brissac, M. de Beauveau, and the Marquess de Janson, Major-General, are to serve in Flanders under Marshal Noailles, who will set out after the Easter Holidays.

We are getting ready the Equipages of the Duke de Chartres, who is to go to Spain to bring the Infanta hither.

The Regiments, mention'd in some of our last, which had march'd to Dunkirk, are now order'd to repair to a Camp which is forming between Douai and Valenciennes.

The Queen of Spain has made a Present of a Gold Repeating Watch set with Diamonds to the Bishop of Rennes, our Embassador at Madrid.

Near 4000 Men are hard at work in restoring the Fortifications of Dunkirk, whither the Count de Saxe is return'd.

From the Paris A-la-main, March 26.

The first Battalion of the Regiment of Foot-Guards, French, will set out for Flanders the 28th Instant, whither all the King's Houshold Troops are to follow successively.

All the Colonels of the Army in Alsace are order'd to be at their Regiments next Week.

The Count de Montijo is expected here again from Madrid, with a new Commission.

They write from Toulon, that seventeen Transports have taken the Opportunity of the English Fleet's Absence, in order to sail from Barcelona to that Port, where twenty more are expected every Day.

We hear from Marseilles, that three Gallies, carrying 400 Men each, set sail the 21st Instant, in order to reinforce the Toulon Squadron.

From the London Gazette.

Hague, March 27. Our Letters from Italy confirm the Retreat of the Spaniards from Pesaro; and add, that Count Brown, who was in pursuit of them, had taken 200 of their Miquelets Prisoners, and three Pieces of Cannon; that the Desertion from them was prodigious, and that they had not stopp'd at Sinigaglia, but were continuing their Flight towards the Abruzzio in the Kingdom of Naples. We hear from Warsaw, that in consequence of the Family Disputes in Poland, a Duel had been fought between Count Tarlo and young Count Poniatowsky, in which the former lost his Life, and the latter was very dangerously wounded; and that 'twas hop'd this unfortunate Affair might be the Occasion of delivering that Kingdom from the Apprehension they were under of Domestick Troubles.

IRELAND.

Galway, March 6. Last Night at Eleven o'Clock there fell in this Town the most violent Shower of Hail that has been known in the Memory of Man, attended by constant and surprising Lightening and

Thunder. The Hail Stones, after being some Time on the Ground, measur'd in Circumference three Inches; and whatever Windows were expos'd to their Violence were broke to Pieces; after which a very great Storm ensu'd.

Dublin, March 13. We learn from Cork, that a French Ship lately attempting to sail from that Port in defiance of the Embargo, several of the Custom-House Officers went on board, seiz'd the Crew, and put them into Confinement.

Last Saturday William Forster, Esq; youngest Son to John Forster, of Dunleer, Esq; was married to Miss Patience Fowke, Daughter to John Fowke, Esq; Collector of the Port of Dublin, a very agreeable young Lady, with a Fortune of 4000 l.

We that that 300 Gentlemen have resolv'd to form themselves into an Independent Troop, and that they are to be commanded by the Right Hon. John Ponsonby, Esq;

And also, that the French Protestants in this City will immediately form an Independent Regiment, at their own Expence.

We hear from Kinsale, that a Beggar was lately taken up there upon Suspicion, and was found to be a Popish Bishop in Disguise; he speaks the French Language very well, and had travell'd from Connaught into those Parts. Among other Papers found about him (which are said to be of some Consequence) there was a particular Account of his Expences, which run very high in some Places.

The Titular Bishop of Waterford hath surrender'd himself to the Mayor of that City.

On the 13th Instant his Grace the Lord Lieutenant issued a Proclamation for the Proroguing the Parliament from Thursday the 15th Instant to Tuesday the 3d of July next.

LONDON.

Last Week a Commission pass'd the Great Seal, appointing the Right Hon. William Earl Cowper to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Herford.

Last Week the Lords of the Admiralty commission'd his Majesty's Ship the Falkland, of fifty Guns, building at Portsmouth, and appointed Capt. Greenville to command her: And also appointed Mr. Knowler, Mr. Pigott, and Mr. Harris to be Lieutenants of her.

Their Lordships also commission'd the Exeter, of sixty Guns, rebuilding at Plymouth, and appointed Capt. Brodrick, of the Phœnix, to command her.

Lord Thomas Bertie, of the Drake Sloop, to command the Phœnix. And

Lieutenant Hardy to command the Drake.

We hear that on the Resignation of —— Greaves, Esq; Henry Symonds, Esq; is appointed a Solicitor of the Customs.

Col. Dijon, of the First Regiment of Foot-Guards, is appointed Colonel of the Regiment of Swif, who enter'd themselves lately to serve here in Case they are wanted.

Last Sunday 3000 of the Dutch Troops arriv'd at Gravesend, in 18 Transports, consisting of the following Regiments, commanded by Major-General Rompf, viz Lindeman's, Eck Van Pantalion's, and Glinstra's. We hear they will be order'd to Black Heath, to be review'd by his Majesty, after which they are to be sent into Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, to guard those Coasts.

Last Sunday Night the Hon. James Annesley arriv'd at the House of Mr. M'Kircher, on Millbank, Westminster, from Ireland.

Friday se'nnight was married at Norwich, Francis Larwood, Esq; Steward of that City, to Mrs. Glover, a very agreeable Lady, with a considerable Fortune.

Last Saturday Capt. Smith, a Commander in the Turky Trade, was married at Deptford to Miss Charlotta Hale (only Daughter of the late Dr. Hale, an eminent Physician and Man-Midwife at Canterbury) a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 7000 l.

A few Days since died in Hertfordshire, Mr. Searle, reckon'd the oldest West-India Merchant in England. But he had retir'd from Business many Years, having acquir'd a plentiful Fortune.

A few Days ago died in Kent, aged 72, Caleb Owen, Esq; of Gray's-Inn, who was call'd to the Bar at the same Time with the late Lord Chief Justice Raymond.

Last Week died Mr. Justice Telden, at his House at Putney.

Last Week died the Rev. Mr. Brampston, by which the Living of Starting in Sussex is become void, in Value above 200 l. a Year. This Vicarage is in the Disposal of Joseph Sayer, D. D. Canon Residentiary of Sarum.

Wednesday se'nnight died at his Seat in Essex, Henry Southouse, Esq; who was many Years in the Commission of the Peace for the City of Westminster and County of Middlesex, in the Reign of Queen Anne. His many good Qualities, as an affectionate Father, a sincere Friend, &c. occasions his Death to be greatly lamented.

Last Week died, at Hollingbourn in Kent, aged 96 Years, John Martin, Esq; who was possess'd of an Estate of 1200 l. a Year, and in the Commission of the Peace for that County.

Thursday se'nnight died at his House in Theobald's-Row, —— Langley, Esq; a Gentleman of good Fortune; and at the same Time died his Daughter, of about eight Years of Age; and next Night they were both interr'd in a very handsome Manner at St. Clement's Church in the Strand.

The same Day Mr. Thomas Fletcher, Master of a very considerable Boarding School at Ware, in Hertfordshire, died there of a Consumption, in the 44th Year of his Age. He had kept School for twenty-five Years, and acquir'd a handsome Fortune.

Thursday se'nnight died Robert Sedgwick, Esq; Purveyor of his Majesty's Mews at Charing-Cross.

Yesterday se'nnight died, at his Lodgings at Hammersmith, Mr. Francis Hughes, one of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Chapel Royal, who also belong'd to the Choirs of St. Peter's, Westminster, and St. Paul's.

Last Week died, at Hull in Yorkshire, Mr. Owen, Collector of the Customs in that Port, reputed worth 10,000 l. and reckon'd the oldest Collector in England.

Tuesday came on, at a Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen at Guildhall, the Election of a Rector for the Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Middleton, deceas'd, when the Rev. Mr. Thomas of Moulsey, who was Chaplain to Sir John Barnard during the Time of his Mayoralty, was chosen.

The same Day came on the Election of a Lecturer for the Parish of St. Bride's, Fleet-street, in the room of Dr. Middleton abovemention'd, when the Rev. Mr. Barnes, who had been many Years Curate of the said Parish, was chosen.

The Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter's, Westminster, have presented the Rev. Dr. Kendrick, (one of the Prebendaries of the said Cathedral, and Rector of St. Margaret's, Westminster,) to the Rectory of St. Bride's, in the room of Dr. Barnard, lately made Bishop of Raphoe in Ireland. And

The Rev. Dr. Wilson, one of the Prebendaries of St. Peter's, Son to the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, succeeds Dr. Kendrick in the Rectory of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Letters from Cologn advise, that the Town of Siegen in Germany has been very lately burnt down.

We hear by an Amendment to the Act for retailing Spirituous Liquors, there is a Clause which says that no Distiller shall sell any Spirituous Liquors in less Quantities than two Gallons, under the Penalty of six Months Commitment to the House of Correction to hard Labour, or the Fine of 10 l. which the Justice of the Peace they are convicted before thinks proper.

Thursday se'nnight was seiz'd in a Wood near Adsham in Kent, 26 Bags of Tea, containing near 700 lb. Weight, and carry'd to the King's Warehouse in Canterbury by Mr. William Eades and Mr. Durant, Riding Officers of his Majesty's Customs.

There happen'd last Monday se'nnight at Huthersfield in Yorkshire, a most terrible Flood, which threaten'd Destruction to the Town; it drove down the Bridge and most of the Dams about the Town. A Fisherman in the midst of the Danger, looking on with great Calmness, utter'd himself in this Laconick Manner, *Salmon will now get up.*

There has been discover'd in the same Town the Foundations of a Roman Temple: There are several beautiful Roman Bricks, and an Altar entire, with a kind of Patera at the Top; on one Side a Cornucopia, and on the other an augural Staff; it is dedicated to the Goddess Fortune, by one Antonius Modestus, or Modestinus; for there are only the two Syllables of the sixth conquering Legion.

There having of late mention been made of several large Hogs, but then their Ages were omitted; there is now, at a Farmer's near Kingston in Surrey, one of the handsomest young Barrow Pigs in England; for tho' he is not a Year and half old he is four Feet high, above ten Feet long, in the Girth about seven Feet, and very clean limb'd: He is now fatting and thrives very fast, so that 'tis uncertain what his Weight will be when he's kill'd, which will be in about ten Days, unless some Virtuoso in large Hogs tempts the Owner to part with him.

Last Saturday in the Afternoon a Hamper was observ'd floating in the River, near Horsleydown-Stairs, by some Watermen, who tow'd it to the Shore, and upon opening it found a Human Body in it, with one of its Arms cut off, its Back broke, and a large Contusion in the Head.

Last Week was committed to Newgate in Bristol, one John Webb, a Ship Carpenter, for the Murder of his Wife, on Friday the 9th Instant. Her Body was found behind Temple Church, and divers Marks of Violence on it. The Coroner's Inquest having sat on the Body, brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*; and 'tis said the strongest Circumstances will appear at his Trial.

On Saturday Evening last two Rogues took an Opportunity to get into the House of Mr. Reiley, a Taylor, in Broad-street near Carnaby Market, and got together a Parcel of Cloaths, and a Piece of Velvet, and were just moving off with their Booty, when Mr. Reiley's Fore-man happen'd to come to the Door, and seiz'd one of them, but the other made his Escape; the Fellow seiz'd was soon after put into a Coach in order to be carried before a Justice of the Peace; but at the End of Poland-street the Coach was stopt by a Gang of Villains, (suppos'd to be got together by the Fellow that ran away) who cut the Harness, wounded the Persons who had him in Custody, and carried him off in Triumph.

Last Saturday Night, about Eleven a Clock, Mr. Stibbs, a Refiner in Bond-Street, was attack'd by three Street-Robbers in Tyburn Road, who knock'd him down and robb'd him of his Hat, Wig, and sixteen Shillings in Silver, and then made off; the Ruffians by the Blow made so great a Contusion in his Head, that 'tis thought he cannot recover.

Monday Morning Mr. Lord, a Distiller in Horsly-down, was attack'd by a single Highwayman, poorly mounted, near Sydenham, who robb'd him of nine Guineas and then made off, which oblig'd him to return to Town for a fresh Supply of Money to enable him to pursue his Journey.

On Tuesday last Mary Sherlock, otherwise Nairn, otherwise Cunningham, otherwise Lacey, was committed to Clerkenwell Bridewell by Sir Thomas De Veil, for feloniously publishing and proving, by falsly personating the Wife and Sister of two Sailors, one belonging to his Majesty's Ship the Plymouth, and the other to his Majesty's Ship the Garland, and thereby obtaining their Pay after their Death, to the great Prejudice of their Families.

Letters from Boston in New-England advise, that two Privateers belonging to St. Kitt's, have taken a Spanish Settee with a very valuable Cargo, and a French Ship which had on board 40000 Pieces of Eight.

The Patience, Bowles, from Poole for Genoa and Leghorn, is taken and carried into St. Sebastian's.

Tuesday last came Advice from Jamaica, that the Orford Man of War had taken two Spanish Privateers, one of twenty Carriage Guns and 180 Men, call'd the Santa Helena; the other of 14 Carriage Guns, 16 Swivels and 190 Men; both new-built Ships from the Havannah, and carry'd them into Port-Royal the 14th of January.

An Extract of a Letter from Jamaica, dated Jan. 12.

'We have been continually pester'd in these Parts 'by Spanish Privateers for several Months; so that 'our Trade has suffer'd very much. We have had 'Intelligence of five of them, two from Cuba, and 'three from Carthagena, whose Names are as fol-'low: The St. John, of 20 Guns and 120 Men; the 'St. Mary, of 18 Carriage, 12 Swivel Guns, and '160 Men; the St. Joseph and Mary, a new-built 'Ship of large Force; the Santa Rosa Agnetta, a 'Barcelongo; and the Santo Christiana, of 12 Car-'riage Guns, 16 Swivels, and 120 Men. Some of 'them have insulted us on the Coast of the Island; 'and if the expected Reinforcement from England 'does not arrive very soon, many more of our Ships 'will certainly fall into their Hands.

Extract of a Letter from Calais, dated March 24.

'Yesterday four French Men of War came from 'Dunkirk into this Port, in order to return to 'Brest; the Sailors who were sent from hence to 'man the Fleet and Transports are return'd, the 'Soldiers are debark'd, the Muskets, Powder, Saddles, '&c. all relanded, and the principal Commanders 'and Officers, both for Sea and Land, are gone for 'Paris; so that it is generally concluded the Thoughts 'of an Invasion against England (if any such was in-'tended) is entirely laid aside.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, March 20. The King has been pleas'd to appoint Onslow Burrish, Esq; to be his Majesty's Resident at the Court of Brussels, and also at that of Liege.

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